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## Fishnet rocking

Kai Altair performed at the Mermaid Lagoon party in Bushwick last week. The costume party raised money for aquatic environmental causes. For the full story, see page 13.

# POURING WATER ON IT

### City seeks to extinguish Williamsburg health worries over fire

By Danielle Furfaro  
The Brooklyn Paper

Concerns about cancer-causing chemicals released by a massive warehouse fire that is still smoldering on the Williamsburg waterfront are overblown, officials said at a town-hall meeting on Monday night.

Health, fire, and sanitation department officials gathered to tell Williamsburg and Greenpoint residents not to worry about the smoke that blanketed the neighborhoods for several days as the fire raged in the CitiStorage facility on Kent Avenue between N. 10th and N. 11th streets. The toxicity was limited to the first day, Jan. 31, and is a drop in the bucket compared to all the foul stuff Brooklynites breathe in every day, a health department honcho said.

“The air was unhealthy for a day, but these are the kinds of events that happen throughout the year as a result of us being bathed in air pollution,” said Daniel Kass, a deputy commissioner for the department.

The meeting was called in response to outcry from activists who said the city botched the response by waiting 14 hours to notify locals to stay indoors with their windows closed. Kass acknowledged that was a screw-up.

“The air quality was bad earlier in the day and it would have been better to get that advisory out earlier,” he said.

The agitated locals are also demanding the city test for dioxins, which are carcinogenic, in the ash left by the fire. But officials said that the chemicals are everywhere, and would show up in tests whether or not there had been a fire. That didn’t satisfy one organizer.

“We do not want to just hear that it is okay,” said activist Emily Gallagher, a board member of the group Neighbors Allied for Good Growth.



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Firefighters battle the blaze that engulfed the CitiStorage facility on Kent Avenue in Williamsburg.

A petition calling for the city to investigate its response to this fire and to develop new major-fire-response protocol going forward has garnered 1,761 signatures. It also demands that the city record and publicize air-quality data. Gallagher said the data is key to understanding toxins’ long-term effects.

“We want actual data so that we know what is safe now and what will be safe 10 years from now,” she said.

Fire officials at the meeting said it will be several more weeks before investigators determine the cause and origin of the fire.



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Williamsburg Democrat district leader Nick Rizzo sounds off to city officials about concerns that the fire coated the area in toxins.

# ‘Grope’ payout for two Lopez aides

### Taxpayers ponying up half a million to end harassment suit against former Bklyn boss

By Danielle Furfaro  
The Brooklyn Paper

The state is shelling out \$545,000 in taxpayer money to settle the sexual-harassment lawsuit brought by two one-time aides of former assemblyman and Brooklyn Democratic boss Vito Lopez, according to the plaintiffs’ lawyer.

The settlement ends the court

proceedings against Lopez, who an Assembly panel said groped, tried to kiss, and made lecherous comments to the two women, Victoria Burhans and Chloe Rivera. Lopez is on the hook for a mere \$35,000 towards the settlement.

In a statement, Burhans and Rivera said they were glad to end two years of investigation and

litigation.

“We are pleased to have reached a resolution,” they wrote. “We hope our ordeal will serve as a strong reminder to New York’s legislators that they are accountable for their behavior. All women should be treated with respect and dignity, not as sex objects or as problems to be handled and silenced.”

A state ethics panel stripped Lopez of his seniority and housing committee chairmanship in 2012, costing him thousands a year. He stepped down from his post as Brooklyn Democratic boss the following week, but he did not resign as assemblyman until 2013, ending 27 years in office. He ran a shadow campaign for Council

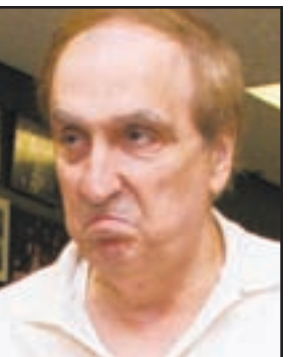
that fall, making no public appearances, but raising money and putting his name on the ballot.

Now-indicted former Assembly speaker Sheldon Silver drew flak in 2012 for secretly paying \$100,000 in taxpayer cash as hush money to two other Lopez sexual-harassment accusers.

In December, before the settle-

ment, Lopez claimed to be too sick to attend a court deposition, but a New York Post report revealed he had attended the wedding of the granddaughter of a prominent Hasidic rabbi a month prior.

State officials still have to approve the settlement, the plaintiffs’ lawyer said. Lopez and his lawyer did not return calls.



Vito Lopez has cost taxpayers big-time — again — for his allegedly gross behavior.



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A planned Atlantic Yards condo building on Vanderbilt Avenue is one of 16 towers that are set to transform Prospect Heights in coming decades.

# New Atlantic Yards watchdogs on the job

### But oversight body includes Forest City Ratner allies, and can’t enforce rules

By Matthew Perlman  
The Brooklyn Paper

The watchdog group that is tasked with monitoring construction at the mega-development formerly known as Atlantic Yards is finally on the job, and it includes several people who have long histories of supporting the project.

The Atlantic Yards Community Development Corporation held its first meeting last Friday, more than a month after it was supposed to first get together. The new board was formed as part of a deal reached last June between community groups and the developers. The deal is meant to speed construction of below-market-rate housing in the planned 16-tower complex.

One of the activists involved in the creation of the new group said that it is a step towards meaningful community input.

“This is definitely a sign of change,” said Gib Veconi, a member of Brooklyn Speaks and the

Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council. “It’s the first time I’ve seen a room full of the stakeholders actually having a discussion about how to move forward.”

The panel lacks enforcement power and answers to the Empire State Development Corporation, the state agency managing the development.

Nine of the 14 board members were chosen by Gov. Cuomo, and many have previous ties to the project. They include Joe Chan, the former head of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership and former Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce president Ken Adams, both of Empire State Development, and Sharon Daughtry, head of the Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance. Adams is soon to take over as Cuomo’s tax commissioner.

Daughtry is a signatory to the development’s community-benefits agreement. She is also an ally



Ken Adams, pictured here back when he was head of the Chamber of Commerce, is now charged with monitoring Atlantic Yards construction for the new subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation.

of Ratner, whose company paid at least three of the groups that signed, including Daughtry’s.

The new board is supposed to monitor the developers’ compliance with construction-timeline commitments that demand the discounted housing be completed by 2025 or face fines — and the mitigation of the effects of construction on the surrounding residential blocks of Prospect Heights. It is also tasked with acting as a go-between for the developers, local community groups, elected officials, and public agencies.

Mayor DeBlasio, former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, state Senate president Dean Skelos, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Borough President Adams got one appointment each for the board. Adams’s pick was Bertha Lewis, former head of the now-disbanded activist group Acorn, and another signatory to the community-benefits agreement.

See **YARDS** on page 12



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# Day of reckoning

## Cop facing more than 15 years for death

By Noah Hurowitz  
The Brooklyn Paper

A rookie cop is facing more than 15 years in prison for shooting and killing an unarmed Red Hook man in an East New York public housing development.

Prosecutors charged Officer Peter Liang with manslaughter, negligent homicide, reckless endangerment, and official misconduct on Wednesday afternoon. Liang, having turned himself in that morning, pleaded not guilty and a judge released him without bail.

An assistant district attorney said that in patrolling with his gun out in a Louis H. Pink Houses stairwell, shooting Akai Gurley without warning, and allegedly failing to notify emergency responders or attend to Gurley for several minutes, Liang was woefully derelict in his duties.

“The defendant consciously ignored his training, and as a result Akai Gurley is dead,” prosecutor Marc Fliedner said.

Liang fired the fatal shot on Nov. 20, felling Gurley as he entered the stairwell one story below. Gurley, an occasional model and father of a two-year-old, was set to begin a job with the Housing Authority. He died later that night.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton has described him as “a total innocent.” Dis-



Photo by Paul Martinka

Officer Peter Liang surrenders to police in Downtown Brooklyn to face manslaughter charges in the shooting death of Akai Gurley.

trict Attorney Ken Thompson drove the point home on Wednesday.

“He had done absolutely nothing wrong,” Thompson said. “He was more than just a name that appeared in the newspapers.”

Appearing in court in a dark suit, Liang stared straight ahead, face blank, as the prosecutor read the charges. As he left the courtroom, members of Gurley’s family chanted, demanding that he be jailed.

him, Fliedner alleged. Upon arriving on the scene ahead of an ambulance, other officers leapt into action, trying to save him, Flieder said.

The first thing Liang said after shooting Gurley, according to Fliedner, was “I’m going to be fired.”

Speaking with reporters following the arraignment, a lawyer for Liang denied that the officer had uttered those words, and defended the time that elapsed between Liang shooting and calling his boss. He said Liang’s reaction was one of a man in shock.

“Despite the spin anyone wants to put on it, this was an accident,” said Stephen Worth, Liang’s attorney. “They initially did nothing because obviously it was a shocking circumstance. He took a moment to talk to his partner and decide what to do.”

Thompson said the indictment was a result of an intensive investigation, but urged people not to see it as a condemnation of the Police Department, revenge for Gurley’s death, or a response to other recent high profile grand-jury decisions declining to indict officers who killed unarmed black men.

“There are no winners here,” Thompson said. “This had nothing to do with Ferguson, Eric Garner, or any other case.”

The indictment was welcome news to Gurley’s family, but they pledged not to rest until they see Liang behind bars.

“I want to see a conviction,” said Parise Blake, Gurley’s cousin, as she stood outside the courthouse. “We need justice.”



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## Icy hot

Susan Tang coaxed an angry, wet cat from its hiding place under a car after the cat was doused in firefighting efforts. FDNY personnel rescued an elderly couple as flames tore through the third floor of a an apartment building on Prospect Park West at Seventeenth Street on Tuesday morning.

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# DA charges two in anti-transgender attack

**By Danielle Furfaro**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Prosecutors indicted two men who they say attacked a transgender woman in Bushwick last fall, cracking her skull and sending her into a coma.

The suspects face an array of charges, including assault, weapons possession, and menacing, all with hate-crime enhancements. District Attorney Ken Thompson, who has created a special division of his office devoted to hate-crime investigations, said he is going to come down hard on bias-fueled violence.

“This was a cowardly, unprovoked and exceptionally vicious attack on an innocent person who was targeted because of her appearance,” said Thompson. “I must emphasize that hate crimes in any form, be they an attack on a person’s race, gender, sexuality or ethnicity, will not be tolerated.”

Police arrested Brownsville resident Nashawn Sonds, 25, in December. A grand jury indicted him and a 17-year-old, but the indictment was sealed until police arrested the teen on Wednesday.

On Oct. 12 of last year, the woman and a gay male friend



Brooke Cerda speaks out against anti-transgender violence at a rally in Bushwick last year.

were walking on Bushwick Avenue near Halsey Street at 11:20 pm when the defendants and one other man started following and yelling at them, police said.

“We do not want f----- on our block,” the men supposedly yelled.

Sonds then allegedly picked up a full garbage bag, knocked the victim to ground, beat her, and threw a piece of Plexiglass at her head, knocking her out, breaking her head open, and causing her to have a seizure, according to prosecutors.

The woman went into a coma and is still recovering

from her injuries, prosecutors said.

The attack was the second apparent hate crime targeting gay and transgender people in Bushwick in a span of just more than two weeks.

Sonds’s attorney says that his client was not involved in the brutal attack.

“My client is maintaining his innocence,” Gregory Zenon said.

Sonds is in jail on \$250,000 bail.

The District Attorney’s Office expects to arraign the 17-year-old on similar charges on Feb. 18.

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# Mystery death explained

## Amphetamines, heart disease led to runner’s collapse

**By Matthew Perlman**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

The man who collapsed at the finish line of the Brooklyn Half Marathon and died last May had a heart condition and had amphetamines in his system at the time, according to the recently released results of an autopsy.



Brooklyn Half Marathon staffers lift John Mahaffey onto a golf cart after he collapsed at the finish line.

ical staff is equipped with medications that counteract amphetamines, but said the event’s staff is always ready for a host of potential medical problems.

“Medical team personnel are stationed throughout our race courses and have access to appropriate equipment and medications to treat a variety of medical conditions,” Chris Weiller said.

Amphetamines are a type of stimulant that includes a number of different drugs used for a range of reasons. The attention deficit disorder medication Aderall is an amphetamine, and some athletic supplements contain them.

The autopsy did not reveal what type of amphetamine was in Mahaffey’s system, but there is a history of athletes using stimulants as performance enhancers because they can stave off fatigue. This effect sometimes has disastrous results because feelings of dehydration are also diminished, and dehydration could help cause a heart arrhythmia like the one that killed Mahaffey, another expert said.

“The stimulant could be masking the signals that your body sends out to slow you down,” said Jonathan Geiger, a professor at the University of

agency Medicine at Stony Brook University, speaking generally and not based on Mahaffey’s medical records. “Running and amphetamines are not a good mix for the heart.”

Mahaffey died later that day at Coney Island Hospital, FDNY officials said. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat, caused by the heart problems and exacerbated by “acute amphetamine intoxication,” according to the autopsy. Amphetamines can be counteracted with another class of drugs called benzodiazepines — Valium is one type — but Singer said these are usually administered at a hospital, not by emergency medical responders.

A spokesman for the Road Runners, which organizes the annual 13.1-mile run, would not say if race med-

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The issue shot to the forefront of public attention in 1967, when 29-year-old cyclist Tommy Simpson died after collapsing during the Tour de France, and investigators discovered that he had been using amphetamines during the race. Amateur athletes have also died in similar circumstances, notably Claire Squires, a 30-year-old who died running a marathon in London in 2012. Squires reportedly had no idea that the supplement she took contained amphetamines.

Mahaffey’s heart condition would have made using amphetamines even more dangerous, Geiger said. But he stressed that amphetamines are dangerous for all athletes.

“The combination of intense exercise with the use of an amphetamine is a really bad idea,” Geiger said.

Weiller declined to address questions about what measures it takes to deter runners from using performance-enhancing drugs during its races, but said the Road Runners tells runners to view the medical guidelines on the group’s website. The guidelines make no mention of drugs or medication.

This year’s Brooklyn Half, scheduled for May 16, has already sold out. Some of Mahaffey’s friends and family members are planning to run the race in his memory.

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# Presidential approval ratings

## Israel smiles on Beep as Obama, Netanyahu face off

By Matthew Perlman  
The Brooklyn Paper

Borough President Adams is getting along with Israel much better than President Obama these days.

The commander-in-chief’s tumultuous relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hit a new low in recent weeks as Netanyahu heads into an election accusing Obama of being weak in negotiations on Iran’s nuclear program, and the president refuses to receive the prime minister when he visits Congress on March 3. Adams, on the other hand, received Israel’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Award during a ceremony before the Nets game at Barclays Center on Feb. 2.

The president of the only geographic entity that this paper cares about said he was honored to accept the award, and that he may not have become the president of the united community board districts of Kings County were it not for King.

“I stand on the shoulders



Borough President receiving the Martin Luther King, Jr. award from Israeli ambassador Ido Aharoni at Barclays Center on Feb. 2.

of giants like Dr. King and the trailblazers of the civil rights movement,” Adams said. “My public service is committed to furthering his legacy, advancing the welfare of every member of our human race.”

The Israeli state issues the award to individuals who it says embody King’s ideals in promoting diversity and tolerance, qualities the Beep represents, an Israeli diplomat said.

“Adams has dedicated his work to building bridges between peoples of all walks of life, upholding the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Ido Aharoni said.

He did not say whether Obama had been considered for the award, but given that an unnamed Obama aide recently told a reporter for The Atlantic that Netanyahu is “a chicken-s---,” it seems unlikely.

Past recipients of the award

include former Mayor David Dinkins, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D–Fort Greene), singer and activist Harry Belafonte, and author Toni Morrison.

Adams isn’t the only one feeling the Israeli love as Obama feels the Israeli snub.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin visited a Christian center in East New York last month, and Mayor DeBlasio met with Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat on Wednesday.

But not all Israeli visits to the borough have been welcomed, either. An exhibition game between the Nets and Maccabi Tel Aviv at the Rust Bowl in October drew Palestinian-rights protesters to the arena, and ended in a fight among attendees that left the head of the Sheepshead Bay Y with a broken nose and an activist facing criminal charges.

Israel, of course, faces international criticism for its own racial policies, which activists including former president Jimmy Carter have likened to South Africa’s program of apartheid.

# Not even close to guilty

## DA drops charges against reporter in Garner protest

By Nathan Tempey  
The Brooklyn Paper

Prosecutors have dropped the disorderly-conduct charges against The Brooklyn Paper’s reporter Noah Hurowitz, stemming from his arrest while covering a police-brutality protest in Manhattan in December.

Our scribe pleaded not guilty on Feb. 2. The decision to drop and seal the two charges, for supposedly obstructing traffic and disobeying a dispersal order, came over the weekend, after an editor sent a letter to the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office certifying that Hurowitz was working for us at the time of his arrest. Officers didn’t bother looking into the mat-

ter before they cuffed him and jailed him for the night, despite Hurowitz clearly identifying himself as a reporter to any cop within earshot.

Hurowitz said he is glad the legal ordeal is done with.

“I’m glad I don’t have to face legal consequences for doing my job,” he said. “I think that what I was doing was within the parameters of what a journalist does.”

The bogus criminal case dates back to the evening of Dec. 4, the second night of demonstrations following a grand jury’s decision not to indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo for killing Gowanus native Eric Garner in Staten Island while attempting to arrest

him. Hurowitz had traveled to the distant island of Manhattan to live-tweet the night’s events. The protests had already spilled over into Brooklyn several times during the thousands-strong marches that had happened nearly nightly starting on Nov. 24, when a Missouri grand jury chose not to indict the officer who shot and killed Michael Brown in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson.

The contingent Hurowitz was shadowing zigzagged around Manhattan and ended up just downtown of Times Square at Seventh Avenue and 42nd Street. There a phalanx of police met the 600-or-so marchers, barring the way


down Seventh Avenue. As the crowd crushed in, with Hurowitz at the front, the cops pushed back. They whacked and grabbed people as they went, and one eventually issued a dispersal order over a megaphone, but there was nowhere for our reporter to go.

Photos and video of the chaos show Hurowitz tapping out tweets and shooting photos on his phone alongside several other journalists.

His last tweet before being cuffed reads, “Arrests seem random.”

Protesters did end up crossing the Brooklyn Bridge that night, but Hurowitz, in a holding cell at One Police Plaza, was unable to cover it.

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# Carnival kings!

## Four top places to celebrate Mardi Gras in Brooklyn

By Matthew Perlman  
The Brooklyn Paper

The good times are about to roll in Brooklyn! Mardi Gras, the annual festival of parading, partying, and general debauchery is fast approaching. But you don't have to bus it down to the bayou to celebrate. We have made it easy to find a place that feels like the Big Easy without leaving town, thanks to this comprehensive guide to all the Kings County festivities. So bust out your beads, and join the parade!

### Brooklyn Bowl

Start your weekend off here with some kicked-up New Orleans tunes from the Stooges Brass Band on Feb. 13. Then on Fat Tuesday, come back and party it up with Butler, Bernstein, and the Hot 9, featuring the scorching sounds of New Orleans-born singer and pianist Henry Butler and trumpeter and bandleader Steven Bernstein.

Stooges Brass Band at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, [www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com)]. Feb. 13 at 9 pm. \$15. And Butler, Bernstein, and the Hot 9 on Feb. 17 at 8 pm. \$15.

### The Way Station

This Prospect Heights bar is throwing its fourth Mardi Gras Extravaganza this year, which will include a second line parade down Washington Avenue, plus live music, beads, and Abita beer specials. Tunes come courtesy of A Flying Dodo Society, the Nevermind Orchestra, and Gloria Isaiah.

The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (347) 627-4949, [www.waystationbk.com](http://www.waystationbk.com)]. Feb. 17 at 8 pm. Free.

### Irondale Center

Another Crescent City celebration will take place at Irondale Center in Fort Greene, featuring a gumbo cook-off hosted by Matt Timms, the guy behind beloved amateur cooking contest series the Take Downs. The ticket price will also include beer and spirits, burlesque, and live music from Mona's Hot Four Ragtime Band.

Irondale Center [85 South Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, [www.eventbrite.com/nyc-mardi-gras-tickets-15145694179](http://www.eventbrite.com/nyc-mardi-gras-tickets-15145694179)]. Feb. 17 from 6 pm-10 pm. \$45 general, \$100 VIP.



Photo by Stephanie Berger



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**Having a blast:** (Pictured clockwise from top) Bulter, Bernstein, and the Hot 9 will get Brooklyn Bowl rolling on Fat Tuesday with its New Orleans-style jams. Kati Delaney, a bartender at the Way Station, is ready for the bar's fourth annual Mardi Gras party. And Nina Burns holds a catfish po' boy from the Tchoup Shop, which is housed inside Bushwick's Heavy Woods.

### Heavy Woods

The Bushwick bar, the new home of New Orleans food purveyors Tchoup Shop, is hosting a five-day blowout for Mardi Gras, starting on Friday and running until Fat

Tuesday. There will be a live feed of the festivities direct from Bourbon Street, and New Orleans native Steve Myers (of Mighty Fine, and formerly the Afghan Whigs) will spin tunes. There will also be food specials, of course, plus \$3 Abita beers and

other drink specials.

Heavy Woods [50 Wyckoff Ave. between Willoughby Avenue and Star Street in Bushwick, (929) 234-3500, [www.heavywoodsbar.com](http://www.heavywoodsbar.com)]. Feb. 13-Feb. 17. Free.



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

### ART

## Heroine chic

Call them wonder women. A group of feminist artists will exhibit their sci-fi visions of the future at the Gowanus Print Lab from Feb. 18-April 4.



Photo by Cate Dingley

"She Blinded Me with Science" will feature representations of a number of female superheroes who are doing their part to make the future better for humankind. And the show's curator said these fictional characters could have an impact on the future of the real world.

"It is important to show that women have a presence in science fiction because it is something that is generally assumed is not the case," said artist and show curator K.J. Martinet. "Science fiction is a way that the future might possibly be, and we want to show it in a female-positive way."

The exhibition will feature plenty of familiar faces, including representations of Barbarella, Captain Janeway from "Star Trek: Voyager," and Sarah Connor of "Terminator" fame. Brooklyn artist Zach Hazard Vaupen has also recreated the futuristic female robot from his webcomic series "Pearlescent Gray." And Martinet and a friend are also working on a video game for the exhibition.

"It is just a silly sideshooter game about cyborg women with jetpacks fighting aliens," said Martinet. "People will be able to play it during the show."

"She Blinded Me with Science" at Gowanus Print Lab [54 Second Ave. at Seventh Street in Gowanus (718) 788-3930, [www.gowanusprintlab.com](http://www.gowanusprintlab.com)]. Opening reception Feb. 18 at 7 pm. Free. Show runs through April 4.

— Danielle Furfaro

### DANCE

## En garde!

It is the one time you might want to bring a dancer to a sword fight.

Teams of dancers from across the country — and the pond — will converge on Brooklyn on Feb. 14 and 15 to show off their mastery of traditional British rapper sword dancing.

And if you have never seen a sword dance, you might have to see it to believe it, said one practitioner. "I kind of hate to use this word, but it's very spiritual, very mysterious," said Yonina Gordon, of Brooklyn dance team Half Moon Sword.

The dance form involves five dancers, linked to each other by holding the handle of a flexible metal "sword" in both hands, who weave in and out in complex formations. Moving to a fast-paced jig, the dancers twirl, duck, and jump, with the conclusion generally involving pushing the swords into the formation of a six-pointed star.

So-called longsword dancing dates to pre-Shakespearean times, but rapper as it is usually performed today originated in the coal-mining region of England, coinciding with the industrial revolution and the ability to create the flexible steel bands at the center of the dance. The tradition jumped to the United States in the 1930s, and many of today's teams can trace their lineage to the larger folk revival of the 1960s and 1970s, one Half Moon Sword member said.

"There was a big surge of interest in all things folk in the late '60s and early '70s, and it just hit a spark at the right time," said team member Sarah Henry. "It's been going strong ever since."

Known as "ales," rapper festivals often bring teams from far afield and Half Moon's ale is no exception. The 12-team lineup includes groups from Boston, England, and a college-aged team who took the craft to Oberlin, Ohio when they went to college. The New York Sword Ale will see teams give free performances at venues across the city on both days, with Brooklyn venues including the Park Slope Library and the Brooklyn Historical Society.

The weekend will "rap" up with a showcase of the full dozen teams at the Brooklyn Museum on Feb. 15 at 2:30 pm.

New York Sword Ale at various venues around Brooklyn, Feb. 14 and 15. Free. See [www.halfmoonsword.org](http://www.halfmoonsword.org) for schedule.

— Noah Hurowitz



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# Her Selma

## Artist recounts childhood in 1960s Alabama city

By Noah Hurowitz  
The Brooklyn Paper

The cinema isn't the only place to learn about Selma this Black History Month. An East Flatbush artist and author who grew up in the Alabama city during the height of the civil rights movement will read from her memoirs at Tabla Rasa Gallery in Sunset Park on Feb. 15.

Willie Mae Brown said she has been working on her autobiography "My Selma" on and off for years, but with the movie "Selma" in theaters and a new generation of protesters taking to the streets and claiming a mantle of civil rights, she believes it was time to finally tell her story.

"I'm focusing more on Selma at this moment because of all the stories that haven't been told," she said. "I'm getting older, and it is time to reveal some of the things I saw and heard."

Brown said she grew up in a vio-

lent place where being black meant watching your back, but thanks to her family's relative privilege and her father's secure job with the railroad, she did not experience much hatred for most of her childhood. And the first time a white person called her the N-word, she was more concerned about protecting her father, keeping him unaware of the indignity to stop him retaliating and coming to harm.

"I didn't think he would do something, I knew he would do something," she said. "He dealt with a lot of white men that were bad men."

But Brown is quick to point out that not all white people in her life were enemies of progress. She spoke fondly of several white, Jewish store owners who treated her family like anyone else, and one who even slipped her father \$20 to support Brown's siblings when they marched with Martin Luther King Jr. from Selma to Montgomery.

Brown said she was profoundly



Looking back: Willie Mae Brown will read from her memoirs on growing up in Selma, Alabama during the civil rights era.

impacted by Martin Luther King Jr. on one of his visits to Selma. She said she had wanted to hang out with friends that day, but when her mother dragged her to church, she quickly forgot her pals when King walked in the door.

"He mesmerized me," she said. "My mom kept telling me to sit down, and I hadn't even realized that I was still standing."

Standing at 5-foot-7, Brown said King was shorter than she had expected, having imagined a tall man based on hearing the preacher's

booming voice on the radio or television. But despite his small stature, his presence in the room far outshone any recording she had seen or heard, she said.

"When he spoke he was so huge, even though he was small," Brown said. "He opened his mouth and I heard that voice, and that night changed me."

Willie Mae Brown at Tabla Rasa Gallery [224 48th St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (718) 833-9100, tablarasagallery.com]. Feb. 15 at 2 pm. Free.

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# Another girl, another planet

## Greenpoint duo Young Ejecta shoots for the stars

By Robert Ham  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Young Ejecta is poised to launch into synthpop superstardom — but it would settle for a one-hit wonder.

The Greenpoint duo recently released "The Planet," an album of glittery anthems that plumb vocalist and songwriter Leanne Macomber's experiences with heartbreak and loss. As with its 2013 debut "Dominae," the music is informed by the keyboard and drum machine-heavy sounds of the '80s, an era that offered up as many superstars as it did flash-in-the-pan artists. Macomber, who is best known as a member of band Neon Indian, said she would be perfectly satisfied with such a singular success.

"It would be super fun!" said Ma-



One-hit wonder woman: Young Ejecta's Leanne Macomber.

comber, one half of Young Ejecta with musical partner Joel Ford. "To have people say, 'She did that one thing that one time but everything else — ugh!' I can walk around with that."

The group hasn't hit the top 10 yet, but it is making a noticeable splash in the indie music world. The twosome has picked up warm critical notices from the tastemakers at the likes of Pitchfork and Under the Radar, and has developed a reputation for its intense, impassioned live shows.

But all the attention has a slightly bittersweet edge to it for Macomber. Her songs tend to orbit around difficult subject matter, such as the end of a romantic relationship and, on one track, the death of a close friend.

"There have been nights when we're performing certain songs where I've had trouble getting through them," she said.

"I can get really overwhelmed, even on stage in front of a bunch of people."

But Macomber isn't going to let emotions get in the way of Young Ejecta's rise. The duo is preparing for a big record release show at Baby's All Right on Feb. 20, followed by tours this summer. Macomber said she also wants to head back into the studio to have another shot at writing that hit song — and she'll do whatever it takes.

"Joel might get locked away for a while doing some production work," Macomber said. "He also just got married so he needs to be here for a bit. That is until I can kidnap him and force him into making another record."

Young Ejecta at Baby's All Right [146 Broadway between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5800, www.babysallright.com]. Feb. 20 at 8 pm. \$12.

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# A very Coney ceremony

## Get hitched at at a freaky Valentine’s Day soiree

By Max Jaeger  
The Brooklyn Paper

Most people want to avoid a side-show at their wedding. For those who don’t, Valentine’s Day is your chance to get married by Coney Island sideshow impresario Dick Zigun. Coney Island USA is throwing its fifth annual Valentine’s Day for Lovers and Losers on Feb. 14, And Zigun, an ordained minister and certified marriage officiant, will be giving couples a first-class ticket to the tunnel of love. The unofficial mayor of Sodom by the Sea said the church that ordained him is more paper mache than a Spook-A-Rama prop, but his credentials are rock solid.

“There is an online church — the Universal Life Church — that exists so wackos or celebrities can get ordained without actually going to seminary college,” Rev. Zigun said, adding the city recognizes him as a legit man of the cloth and issued him a certificate to officiate marriages in 2012.

Zigun will also be officiating vow renewals, and if you’re not ready to take the plunge, you and your paramour can still have Zigun formalize your exclusivity.

“Being our Coney Island huckster, I’ll also be issuing ‘going steady cer-



Coney is for lovers: Betsy Propane, Big Joe, Princess Pat Muko, Mr. Strange, and Amanda Jencsik will perform in a Valentine’s Day show at Coney Island USA.

tificates,” he said.

Beyond weddings, the party will also feature burlesque acts and live music.

And the romantically un-entangled needn’t let the stigma of going stag stop them from coming out — you may just get lucky, one organizer said.

“Some people without a lover sit at home or wherever they are, so they’re considered losers, but if they come to our show, they’re probably going to get somebody who will put a smile on their face,” said Princess Pat Muko, the sideshow’s resident snake charmer, risqué dancer, and ambler over broken glass.

Muko held similar events living in England, and when she moved state-side, she pitched it as a way to get folks out to wind-swept Coney in the winter time. It was an uphill battle, but she came out on top, she said.

“I said, because I’m a hustler, you give me the chance,” she said. “They did, and the place was packed.”

Princess Pat presents the Fifth Annual Valentine’s Day for Lovers and Losers at Coney Island USA (1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street, [www.coney-island.com](http://www.coney-island.com)). Feb. 14 at 9 pm. \$15. Marriages are \$100 — for information, e-mail Rev. Zigun at [dzigun@gmail.com](mailto:dzigun@gmail.com).

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy

The large outdoor space at Arrogant Swine is empty for now.

But the interior of the North Carolina-style BBQ joint and beer hall has plenty of room.

It also has a gigantic game of Jenga.

The 20 draft beers (\$5-8) are well-chosen.

And the menu gives amusingly profane descriptions!

The food has plenty of flavor, but...

...I'd prefer it if it were actually warm.

Arrogant Swine [173 Morgan Ave. at Scholes Street in Bushwick, (718) 791-3842, [www.arrogantswine.com](http://www.arrogantswine.com)]. Open Tue–Thu, 4 pm–2 am; Fri, 4 pm–4 am; Sat, 11 am–4 am; Sun, 11 am–2 am; Mon, closed.

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WED, FEB. 18

TALK, PERSON, PLACE, THING WITH RANDY COHEN AND LEV GROSSMAN: A live recording of Randy Cohen's podcast and public radio show. He will be joined by Lev Grossman, author of novel "The Magicians." \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org).

THURS, FEB. 19

TALK, WENDELL PIERCE: Actor Wendell Pierce hosts an evening of conversation about his performance in "Brothers from the Bottom," a play that looks at gentrification and the bond between brothers in New Orleans. He is joined by journalist, documentarian, and producer Soledad

Clowning around: Traditional and modern circus stunts come together at Circus Xtreme, at Barclays Center Feb. 19–March 1.

O'Brien. \$5. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org).

THEATER, "THE PAJAMA GAME": Performed by the Brooklyn Players Community Musical Theatre. \$25 at the door. 8 pm. Brooklyn Music School Playhouse [126

SAT, FEB. 21

ART, "MAKING 'THE DANCE'": A youth and family workshop celebrating visual artist and former Fort Greene resident Emilio Cruz. Participants will reinterpret Cruz's 1962 painting "The Dance" by creating their own abstract artworks. Free. 3–5 pm. Ingersoll Community Center [177 Myrtle Avenue at Prince St. in Fort Greene, (718) 855-2923].

MUSIC, MOON BOOTS, JONAS RATHSMAN, PERSEUS, ISAAC TICHAUER: \$20–\$30. 11 pm. Verboten [54 N. 11th St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 223-4732], [www.verbotennewyork.com](http://www.verbotennewyork.com).

FRI, FEB. 20

ART, "KEHINDE WILEY — A NEW REPUBLIC": The first museum survey of Brooklyn artist Kehinde Wiley's prolific career. \$16 suggested. 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], [www.brooklyn-museum.org](http://www.brooklyn-museum.org).

KUNST!: Susanne Bartsch's monthly dance party featuring live performances, DJs, and wild costumes. \$20. 11 pm. Verboten [54 N. 11th St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (347) 223-4732], [www.verbotennewyork.com](http://www.verbotennewyork.com).

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Who says you can't go back home again?

At Casa Pepe, the chef and the new partner have done just that, returning to the restaurant they love, laden with fresh ideas to entice diners.

Manager Carlos Santamaria started working at Casa Pepe as a bus boy when he was still attending school. He went on to become a waiter, a bartender, and also helped out in the kitchen. After being away a few years, he's now back as a partner. Felicidades!

One of his first official acts was to recruit chef Marco Zumba, who had cooked up memorable dishes at Casa Pepe for 12 years. Both men are working together to make Casa Pepe even more fabulous than it is today. For the new year, they plan to make some menu changes, re-introducing customer favorites from the past like the ground beef enchiladas in hard shells and chicken stuffed with shrimp.

"Presentation is very important," says Zumba, who has trained at top restaurants, and knows how to create dishes that appeal to all the senses.

"We plan to keep tradition," says Santamaria. "And we also want to introduce new recipes."

Among them are ceviche, made from raw fish that has been cured in citrus juices; and steaks with chimichurri, a popular green sauce served in Latin American countries.

The entire staff will become involved by tasting the food, so that they are able to describe every juicy detail to guests.

Brunch is back on Saturdays and Sundays, from noon until 3:30 pm. It's a wonderful way to turn an ordinary Sunday into a fun day. Gather the entire clan for a meal that has something everyone will enjoy. The \$13.75 per person price includes a buffet of tantalizing dishes like the Spanish tortilla, a potato-and-egg omelet popular in Spain; paella with shrimp, mussels, and Spanish sausage; pulled pork; Shepherd's Pie; chicken wings; vegetables; salad; fruit platters; and more. The offerings change daily, so there's always a different feast to experience. A margarita or glass of sangria is included in the price as is an assortment of desserts such as flan, a traditional Spanish custard, served with a mound of whipped cream; or, perhaps chocolate mousse, or Chef Zumba's homemade tiramisu.

Carlos Santamaria is spicing up Casa Pepe with dishes like the paella marinera.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

On Mondays, come in for a Mexican 2-for-1 Fiesta, when offerings are buy one, get one free, from 4 to 11 pm. On Tuesdays, a \$34 Seafood Special starts with a lobster bisque, and includes entrees like broiled lobster, salmon, or shrimp.

Don't miss Casa Pepe's wonderful homemade guacamole, prepared tableside. You can order it as mild or as spicy as you wish because the ingredients — onions, cilantro, tomatoes, and jalapenos — are added by the server, as you watch it being made. Scoop it up with colorful green, black, yellow, and red tortilla chips.

Should you wish you to have your own private fiesta, you've come to the right place. Casa Pepe welcomes bridal showers, intimate weddings, rehearsal dinners, christenings, and business functions. Up to 125 guests can be accommodated in one room; another seats 75.

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*The Brooklyn Paper*

Red Hook still has drug



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"People around here are socially conscious, and that means a lot of bikes, but it also means a lot of bike thefts," she said. "I don't think there are many bad people in the area, but there are opportunists who will commit a crime when it is right in front of them."

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photo by Stefano Giovannini

Colossal still has a year and a half left on its lease, and Wiseman said it can stay till then, but that he will give management the option of moving to one of Cayuga's properties in Bushwick.



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# Lighting the path

## Solar-powered lamps pitched for Slope

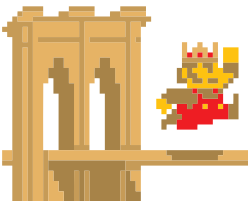
By **Matthew Perlman**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

A Navy Yard company is lighting up Brownstone Brooklyn.

Lumi Solair, which installed all of the street lights in the sprawling Navy Yard industrial campus, is now setting its sights on Park Slope areaways, the cement front yards that surround brownstones’ stoops. One of the company’s heads grew up on Seventh Street, and says the new flanged lamps are designed to blend in with their surroundings.

“We think it will meld nicely into the brownstone architecture,” said Gerard Gorman, president and chief operating officer of the company.

Gorman got the idea from his mother, who wanted to light the area in front of her house. The lamps used for that traditionally require a gas or electrical hookup, which can be



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expensive to install, Gorman said. He thinks the solar lights his company sells are prime substitutes, since they are completely self-contained. All you have to do is bolt one down, or cement it into place.

“They are affordable and easy to install,” he said.

The same Lumi Solair lanterns can be used as portable lighting for events or for outdoor seating areas at restaurants. The lamps feature a flat top to soak in the rays, and a battery at the base. They turn on automatically when the natural light is low, and turn off when it gets sunny.

The seven-year-old company, which is a subsidiary of another Navy Yard tenant, Duggal, mostly sold large-scale installations of its lamps before creating this consumer-friendly version, which retails for around \$1,000. The lighting system at the Navy Yard posed a lot of challenges, in part because the locations of the streetlights were decided before the industrial park’s planners considered using solar energy.

“It was an interesting case study for this type of technology,” said Fernando Mendoza,



Fernando Mendoza, director of operations for Lumi Solair, and Abinand Rangesh, chief technology officer, with one of their sun-powered lanterns.

director of operations for the company. “The lamps were placed where lamps should be, but no thought was given

to sun exposure.”

Lumi Solair’s first-generation streetlights sport wind turbines and solar panels up

top. But in cramped areas such as the side streets of the Navy Yard, where it has installed 160 lights, the company found that

turbines do not really provide much power. And the regular maintenance the moving parts require makes them a hassle, Mendoza said.

“Turbines need decently steady winds,” he said. “They don’t get that in an urban environment because of the way wind moves through the buildings.”

So the company improved its solar panels. Its newer Swan model features a panel with a concave curve that can power the streetlights for 12 to 14 hours without any help from the wind, Mendoza said.

Lumi Solair’s freestanding brick building, located next to the Duggal Greenhouse event space, is used for staging and research and development. For most orders, the company ships the materials straight to the customer’s location and assembles them on site. The parts are manufactured by various companies, about 70 percent of them in the U.S., according to Lumi Solair.

Even the large streetlights are easy to install, taking about two hours to hoist into place and secure, per the company. The solution saved the Navy

Yard about \$600,000 in installation costs compared to what it would have paid for traditional electric lights and connections to its internal grids, and the sun-powered lights save \$11,000 in energy costs a year, Mendoza said.

### Techno Files

The **Brooklyn iOS Developers** group is having its first meetup about coding for the **Apple Watch** at **Huge** on Feb. 25. **Nick Lee** from **Tendigi** will give an overview of the watch’s software development kit, **Huge’s Leandro Basil** will talk about designing for the device, and a team from **Eleks Labs** will talk about the prototype watch it made that can control a **Tesla**.

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The Red Hook internet service provider **Brooklyn Fiber** is now offering an ultra-fast broadband connection in **Industry City**. The new service is significantly faster than other connections available in the city and should help draw businesses to the Sunset Park waterfront complex that need to transfer large amounts of data.

# Coup in the Council

## PolS say Hook councilman unfit to lead

By **Noah Hurowitz**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

A freshman councilman is out as leader of the Brooklyn Council delegation after a coup by his colleagues.

PolS ousted first-term Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D–Red Hook) and replaced him with Mark Treyger (D–Coney Island) on Feb. 5. Treyger said the group that voted Menchaca out thought he had

failed as a leader, but stopped short of saying he shared their view.

“There was a lot of frustration expressed by many people that things that should have been happening were not happening,” he said. “I’m not looking to assign blame. Sometimes it’s an issue of chemistry.”

Lawmakers were angry that Menchaca didn’t schedule regular meetings, and the

delegation hadn’t convened since early September, Treyger said.

The Council delegation is tasked with representing the borough during citywide budget negotiations, and makes appointments to agencies such as the Economic Development Corporation. One councilman who was in the room last Thursday said the delegation had missed the opportunity to make several appointments as months went by without a meeting.

The insurgent pols spared delegation chairwoman Councilwoman Darlene Mealy (D–Crown Heights), indicating that they called the vote with the intention of unseating Menchaca.

The apparent coup comes on the heels of a spat between Menchaca and the mayor’s office over a \$115-million development project at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal in Sunset Park, which was scuttled after Menchaca demanded more control over the process. The Economic Development Corporation pulled the plug and called Menchaca’s demands “confounding,” according to a Crain’s New York Business report.

Menchaca has championed community input in municipal projects, even such minor ones as installing bathrooms in a Red Hook park, which he nixed after local gadflies complained the privvies would take up precious green space at a series of meetings.

Menchaca’s ouster comes shortly before the beginning



Councilman Carlos Menchaca is no longer a leader of the Brooklyn contingent in the Council.

of the citywide budgeting process, and observers speculate that delegates were worried that Menchaca’s soured relationship with city leadership would get in the way of negotiating for the borough’s best interest. Treyger didn’t want to touch that conjecture with a 10-foot pole.

“My role in accepting the nomination has nothing to do with that,” he said.

Menchaca has not shied away from controversy in his first year in office. In the Assembly primary Menchaca backed political neophyte Cesar Zuniga against incumbent Felix Ortiz (D–Red Hook). At a victory party, Ortiz laughed heartily when a pal made a joke in Spanish about Menchaca not having testi-

cles, and Ortiz seems to maintain the grudge, tweeting his congratulations to Treyger and Mealy last Thursday.

Treyger said that Menchaca represents his district, but not

Brooklyn as a whole.

“Councilman Menchaca has every right to advocate for his district,” said Treyger. “We have to look out for our districts, but we also have to make sure that the needs of the borough are addressed.”

The Red Hook pol is a member of the Council’s Progressive Caucus, as was Bill DeBlasio when he was a councilman, and of the New Kings Democrats, which formed to challenge the entrenched Democratic political machine in Brooklyn. The head of the New Kings Democrats decried Menchaca’s removal, comparing it with the back-room maneuvering that put Assemblyman Carl Heastie (D–the Bronx) in the Speaker seat with little public debate six days after Assemblyman Sheldon Silver (D–Manhattan) stepped down over his indictment on corruption charges.

“Mostly we’re distressed that the process was so untransparent, and we were already coming off a week where the leadership in Albany was chosen behind closed doors,” Andrew Sloat said. “We had higher hopes for a progressive bastion like Brooklyn.”

A spokesman for Menchaca declined to comment.

# YARDS...

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Lewis famously kissed Ratner and then-mayor Michael Bloomberg when the agreement, which mandated local jobs and discounted housing, was finalized.

Her group was contractually obligated to support the project before it disbanded in 2010.

Forest City originally said the 15-tower town would be completed in 2016, but its latest estimate is 2035.

Last June’s deal called for the board to meet by the end of December, but the state pushed the date back. Veconi said it is a little late, but definitely soon enough to help.

“We’re still in the time-frame where construction is starting to ramp up,” he said.

Mayor DeBlasio’s appointment to the panel was Pratt Institute professor Jamie Stein, an appointee pushed for by the Dean Street Block Association.

That civic group withdrew from the activist coalition that secured the settlement because its members felt that the community development corporation would not be powerful enough.

A member was guarded when talking about its prospects.

“This is an opportunity for the state to do a better job,” Peter Krashes said.

The group issued a statement saying that in the past, the state has made decisions that favor the developer’s needs without regard to the impact they will have on immediate neighbors to the project.

“Our experience as neigh-

bors is that the state and developer avert their attention from the real-world impacts of the project,” the statement says. “We hope that this board helps improve ESDC’s decision-making and monitoring capabilities.”

None of the groups that ultimately agreed to drop their lawsuits against the development as part of the deal that created the panel ultimately secured spots on it.

The group’s first meeting came one day after state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli issued a report blasting Empire State Development for failing to keep track of the finances of its 168 subsidiaries.

“New York state spends hundreds of millions of dollars each year to spur economic development and job creation through ESDC programs,” he said in a statement. “New Yorkers deserve more thorough accounting about whether these programs are achieving desired results.”

The report also said that Empire State Development has also taken out \$10.7 billion in loans on behalf of the state, most without voter approval.

The state has hired Tobi Jayiesimi to direct the new community development corporation.

She used to work in the office of Assemblyman Walter Mosley (D–Fort Greene).

Despite all the factors working against her, Veconi called her a good choice.

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# Where's Cuomo?

## Lawsuit: Gov's refusal to call a special election for Grimm seat unconstitutional

By Max Jaeger  
The Brooklyn Paper

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is violating the Constitution by refusing to call a special election to fill the House seat left vacant by tax-cheating Rep. Michael Grimm, a lawsuit alleges.

A Staten Island lawyer is suing the governor for dragging his feet in setting a date to elect a new representative for New York's 11th Congressional District, saying that Cuomo should have issued a Proclamation of Election as soon as Grimm resigned on Jan. 5.

Instead, Cuomo is playing politics and disenfranchising voters in Bay Ridge and the

Rock, the attorney said.

"It's not the most difficult — or involving a very cerebral set of decision-making processes — thing to do," said lawyer Ronald Castorina, who is representing eight plaintiffs in the district pro bono. "You have a constitutional mandate and are 42 days delinquent in your mandate, your duty, your obligation."

The governor is dragging his feet on the election in order to put the Democratic Party on a better footing, said Castorina, a Republican who has served as a Staten Island GOP Board of Elections commissioner. Castorina insisted that his lawsuit is not politically motivated.

Democrats initially floated

Assemblyman Bill Colton (D–Bensonhurst) and Councilman Vincent Gentile (D–Bay Ridge) as contenders against Republican-nominated Staten Island District Attorney Daniel Donovan. Castorina believes Democrats see both Colton and Gentile as weak contenders, and delaying the election would give the party time to find a better nominee.

A spokeswoman from the governor's office acknowledged the suit, but would not comment on the notion that the governor is playing politics.

"The governor's office will review the suit and we are fully aware of our obligations



Gov. Andrew Cuomo

under the law," spokeswoman Dani Lever said.

The governor has more leeway when to hold special elections for the state legislature, but when it comes to filling federal vacancies, he has to act immediately, according to Castorina.

"Circuit courts have maintained and clarified the law to indicate that the mandate for the governor to call the election is upon vacancy — that's the triggering event," he said.

Grimm resigned the seat

days after pleading guilty to tax fraud he committed while running a restaurant he owned before taking office.

Grimm could face up to three years in prison. The tax fraud charge was part of a larger, 20-count indictment that also alleged he hired undocumented workers and perjured himself. Along with his guilty plea on one count, Grimm acknowledged that federal prosecutors had enough evidence to prove that he hid \$900,000 that came into the eatery, Healthalicious, and used the cash to pay employees under the table from 2007 to 2009, then lied about it during a 2013 deposition in a civil suit.

A delay could also put Donovan in a bind — if Cuomo holds the vote during the general election in November, Donovan will have to choose between running for Congress or sailing to reelection as district attorney, Castorina said.



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## Meet the big mermaids

### Oceanic crowd brings celebration inland

By Danielle Furfaro  
The Brooklyn Paper

It was a real-life Enchantment Under the Sea dance.

A crew of mermaids, mermen and pirates gathered at Lot 45 on Troutman Street in Bushwick last Thursday night for an evening of nautical-themed performances to

raise money for aquatic environmental causes. By all accounts, the evening went swimmingly.

"It is wonderful to find an event that is sparkly and glamorous and filled with costumes and performances and is also for something that matters," puppeteer Charlotte Lily Gaspard said.

The fifth annual Mermaid Lagoon ocean benefit show featured music, circus performances, magicians, and interactive art installations.

Gaspard was one of many performers. She wore a seven-foot tall costume depicting Yemaya, a goddess of the sea in voodoo and other religious traditions of the Afri-



The Mermaid Lagoon variety show featured performers including Charlotte Gaspard, right, as well as mermaids musicians, dancers, circus performers, and interactive art installations.

can disapora. Her getup doubled as a projection screen for shadow puppets. As other performers took the stage, Gaspard wandered the crowd and showed off scenes from the deep sea.

The experience was deep, the emcee for the evening said.

"There was an immersive quality to the night, and there was the whole idea that every-

one was a mermaid or a pirate and we were all on the Antarctic, because it is much warmer there this time of year," David F. Slone, Esq. said. "It was great to hear some pirate shanties."

The Mermaids of NYC, which hosted the event, plans to give the proceeds to Hudson Riverkeeper and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation.

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MONTHLY HEALTH TIPS

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### Acting Quickly to Prevent Hearing Loss

By Richard Rosenfield, M.D., Director of the Institute of Advanced Otolaryngology, New York Methodist Hospital

*A few weeks ago, I was speaking on the telephone when I noticed that I was struggling to hear out of one of my ears, but not the other ear. This lasted for several hours but eventually went away on its own so I figured it wasn't a big deal. However, just yesterday, it happened again, only this time it lasted all day, and I felt a little dizzy as well. I'm in good health otherwise, so I'm very concerned—am I experiencing hearing loss? What should I do?*

Given the symptoms you have described, your first action should be to call your physician and make an appointment. While the odds are quite low that this is an emergency situation, when it comes to hearing loss, the more quickly you act, the higher your chances of preserving your ability to hear.

The two most prevalent types of hearing loss are sensorineural hearing loss and conductive hearing loss. Sensorineural hearing loss, a loss of hearing due to nerve damage in the inner ear, impacts almost one in every four adults over the age of 65, but it can also be congenital or it can occur in those who are younger. Conductive hearing loss has many possible causes, including perforated eardrums, ear infections, a buildup of earwax, a foreign body, fluid in the ear, allergies, or another blockage.

To address your hearing loss, your doctor may refer you to a specialist. An otolaryngologist who is trained in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the ear, nose and throat can identify the type and cause, and an audiologist can determine the degree of hearing impairment.

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The good news is that treatments are available for nearly all types and degrees of hearing loss. For instance, conductive hearing loss caused by a blockage or infection in the ear can often be treated with medication or surgery. Some cases of sensorineural hearing loss can also be addressed medically, though devices such as hearing aids or cochlear implants are often the most effective treatment.

If you are having a problem with your hearing, don't ignore it or simply wait and see (or hear) if it goes away. Take action to preserve or improve your ability to hear as soon as you notice that a problem exists.

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# Crummy’s All-Star guide

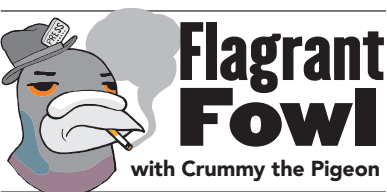
Plus why Dolan being insufferable is good for the Nets

For a city with no reason to celebrate professional basketball, there sure will be a lot of celebrating this weekend. As the basketball world descends upon our friendly confines for NBA All-Star weekend, there comes a break in the action, and what better time for me to let my feathers down and reflect on the first half of the season?

Despite a losing record, reports of owner Mikhail Prokhorov trying to sell the team, nagging injuries to Deron Williams and Brook Lopez, losing Mirza Teletovic for the season to a blood clot in his lungs, constant trade rumors — you know, when you list it all out like that, it really is pretty bad. And yet, here we

are, circling the drain, but not yet down it. In fact, since those back-to-back games in late January against the Clippers and Jazz, where the Nets lost by a combined 74 points, the team has shown signs of life. Brooklyn beat the Raptors and Clippers, two playoff-bound teams. Deron Williams and Jarrett Jack seem to be coexisting and coach Lionel Hollins is getting the most out of everyone else. The push for the eighth seed is on!

Look on the bright side, Nets fans. It could be worse. We could be Knicks fans.



At least we don’t have thin-skinned Manhattan owner James Dolan cruising around with a porkpie hat and that stupid kazoo, begging Joe Johnson and Jarrett Jack to hang out with him.

And to the fan who recently bore the brunt of Dolan’s digital wrath, the septuagenarian Irving Bierman, who dared to send His Dolan-ness an e-mail complaining about his terrible management, you’re

always welcome on this side of the river. People often accuse me of being an alcoholic, and I don’t argue with them. But when they let the moralizing fly, I sometimes fantasize about moving my roost to Madison Square Garden, because if I had to watch the Knicks day in and day out, I’d have an excuse as rock-solid as losing it all in the financial crisis.

Anyway, enough of that realism crap. We’re celebrating, remember? And I, Crummy, will guide you through the can’t-miss events of the weekend’s festivities taking place at Barclays Center.

In typical American fashion, the Rising Stars Challenge



Nets guard Jarrett Jack is doing just fine without James Dolan hanging around. So much so that the Nets have a fighting chance at the post.

showcases the United States versus the rest of the world. Somehow, the Nets actually have two players in this one, Bojan Bogdanovic and Mason Plumlee. Young Plums has really burst onto the scene this season, but I’ll take Bojan and the Canadian, Andrew Wiggins.



Having His Dolan-ness as the face of your team is enough to drive anyone to drink.

The three-point contest is really the only event you need to pay attention to. This year’s competition features some of the wettest shooters ever — Klay Thompson, Steph Curry, Kyle Korver, and JJ Redick are among the notables. Something tells me the court at Barclays Center will require more

than a garbage can and a mop to sop up all the rain these guys will be dropping.

The dunk contest, even with one of our own, the Young Plums, will probably be a lot like recent dunk contests past: a bunch of young guys who can get off the ground only slightly higher than me, but don’t have the brand backing of past participants. Color me uninterested. I’ll take the long-armed Greek kid, Giannis Antetokounmpo, to win it all. Drinks on me for the first bird in the rafters to pronounce his name correctly.

The game itself has always been a bit of a snooze. So on Sunday I’ll be bellied up to the bar with a kindred spirit of Irving Bierman — the genuine article is sipping Shirley Temples down in Myrtle Beach — sporting my finest Brooklyn black and white, explaining to the Nets newcomer what it feels like to at least compete for a playoff spot. It’s a weekend to celebrate, after all.

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# Speaking up, keeping silent

Listen, don’t talk. Listen, don’t talk. Listen, don’t talk.

No matter how many times I tell myself to listen more and talk less so my kids will speak up, I forget.

Take my recent date night with my 13-year-old. It is a rare night the two of us get to spend alone, so I took the opportunity, turned off all my devices and made him turn off his, and took him to Scalino, his favorite restaurant.

I focused in, staring straight into his dark brown eyes and listening raptly to his excited tales of just how, exactly, he has come to be so enamored, near obsessed, with the New York Giants. It is Odell Beckham, Jr. in particular who has really won his heart and, so he tells me, the hearts of all football fans everywhere.

I smiled deeply as his dimples emerged in shy enthusiasm over the huge successes of this rookie player from Louisiana.

“He’s like the greatest wide receiver ever,” he said, eyes

Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

sparkling with excitement as he recounted Odell’s incredible one-hand grab in the game against the Cowboys.

I sipped my wine and my heart surged. Was it possible that we were talking about football and yet this was the greatest evening of my life?

Here in front of me was the sweetest, most enthusiastic, smiley-est boy in the world. And I was lucky enough to be his mother.

I didn’t have too much to add, so listening was easy. I ate my penne with broccoli rabe and sausage and asked a question here or there, but the football talk kept the conversation going well.

There were other subjects too. Something funny one of

his teachers said, stuff about friends. And then about the movie “Selma.”

“Can I tell you what happens in the beginning?” he said.

He’s seen it twice somehow, when I haven’t even seen it once.

“Sure,” I shrugged. It is a true story, so I figured I knew the information already, and I did.

“These four girls were coming out of church and they got killed,” he says, his eyes filling with tears that threatened to spill over. “It’s so terrible.”

This is where I maybe should have just nodded and touched his arm, not run with the theme of man’s inhumanity to man, the many atrocities

ties of history. Seriously, the next thing I knew I was talking about the Holocaust, and Eli was “for some reason” jumping out of his skin, so much so that, just post crème brulee, he had to get up and leave.

He had mentioned his reading of “Maus,” the Art Spiegelman rendering of the Holocaust in graphic novel form, that he read many years ago.

“I didn’t realize before then that it was so bad,” he said.

The Holocaust was a constant conversation in my household growing up in a reform Jewish family in Tucson, and we read and watched things about it often at home and in Hebrew school.

“I guess I’ve tried to shield you a bit more,” I said. “But it’s pretty bad, what people do to each other.”

I talked a bit, told a harrowing tale of a person we know who survived by living in a hole in the earth as a child, alone, and boom. I lost him. Eli’s discomfort suddenly was

palpable, and all I wanted to do was to erase time and return to talk of the NFL.

It is a challenge, I must say, to stay within the boundaries of a child’s comfort zone. There are minefields all over, and there are, of course, times when you have no choice but to step in them. But, and I must remember this yet again, sometimes it is best to shut your own mouth and just listen. When I do that, I hear what they think instead of telling them what they should think. And I learn about where they are in their thinking, which is crucial.

When I got home, Eli was playing with the dog and the three of us canoodled quietly for a while. We recovered from what had happened to separate us, and the best parts of the evening held sway. We did connect, and that’s the part, hopefully, that both of us will remember.

I’m glad things went a little south on our date. It happens, and I can learn from it. Hopefully.

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has been presented to this  
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Families (New Bedford),  
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protection and committed  
to the Department of Chil-  
dren and Families. The  
court may dispense the  
rights of the person(s)  
named herein to receive  
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other disposition of the  
child(ren) named herein, if  
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is/are in need of care and  
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interests of the child(ren)  
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